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THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Letter dated 3 December 1981 from the Permanent Representative of
Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to enclose herewith a copy of the resolution adopted on 25 November 1981 by the Twelfth Arab Summit Conference, held at Fez, Morocco, regarding the situation in Lebanon.

I request that this resolution be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under agenda item 33.

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Ambassador
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

Twelfth Arab Summit Conference

Resolution on Lebanon

25 November 1981

Concerned for the territorial integrity and unity of Lebanon,

And, in order to ensure stability in South Lebanon, and thenceforth, in the whole region,

And, further, in its desire to contribute to ending the tragedy suffered by the people of the South,

In conformity with the previous resolutions of Arab Summit Conferences, and in particular, resolutions of the Tenth Arab Summit Conference, held in Tunisia, which affirmed that the problem of South Lebanon is as much an Arab as it is a Lebanese responsibility,

Considering the increasing dangers which confront South Lebanon, and which do not threaten Lebanon alone, but also reach beyond Lebanon to imperil all Arab States, the Palestine Question, and the entire region,

Cognizant of the fact that addressing the question of South Lebanon constitutes one of the approaches to settling the Lebanese crisis as a whole,

THE CONFERENCE RESOLVES:

FIRST

To elaborate a comprehensive Arab strategy to prevent Israeli aggression, and to envisage the means of countering such aggression, should it occur, especially in South Lebanon. This strategy should include, in particular, the following measures and dispositions:

1) The exercise of political, diplomatic, and economic pressures on all States which support or influence Israel, particularly the United States of America, to deter Israel from aggression and compel it to respect international decisions and the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Lebanon.

2) The exertion of every possible pressure to bring the United Nations Security Council to implement fully resolution 425 (1978), and the ensuing resolutions, including the total withdrawal of Israel to the internationally

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recognized boundaries of Lebanon, so that the South will be under the exclusive authority of the Lebanese State, as a zone of peace and stability. Every necessary and possible measure shall be taken by the representatives of the Arab Governments at the United Nations to elaborate a programme for the implementation of the Security Council resolutions concerning South Lebanon, and to consolidate the present ceasefire.

3) The necessity for every Arab State to participate in shouldering the burdens of this strategy in all fields - each State according to its means and capabilities, in order to bring an end to the ongoing war of attrition now waged by the Israeli enemy against Lebanon.

SECOND

To commission a working group from the States participating in this Conference, in conjunction with the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States, to prepare a draft proposal for this strategy, to be submitted to the Council of the League of Arab States at its next regular session, which must be on the Ministerial level.

THIRD

To support the Lebanese Government's efforts to deploy the Lebanese Army in the South, enabling it to carry out its national responsibilities, and to extend the assistance required, so that Lebanon could reinforce its capability to bear the burdens that will result from restoring to normalcy all State administrative organs, and civil and military institutions, and their return to the full exercise of their authorities and functions, especially in the South.

To reaffirm the necessity of implementing the fourth resolution of the Tenth Arab Summit Conference (held in Tunis), which determined the financial assistance to be provided for the reconstruction of Lebanon.

FOURTH

To continue to observe and to be committed to the contents of resolution 490 of the United Nations Security Council.
